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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7364

BILL NUMBER: SB 357

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 5, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Sale of Nursery Stock and Wildflower Seeds.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Heinold

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☐ **DEDICATED**
☐ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill prohibits the Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) from selling or distributing nursery stock or wildflower seeds to residents of other states or certain businesses.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: The bill will have no impact on DNR or INDOT because the agencies do not sell nursery stock or wildflowers to residents of other states or retail or wholesale businesses that sell nursery stock or wildflower seeds. The bill prohibits such sales in the future.

DNR: DNR does not produce wildflower seeds. DNR produces an average of about 5 M tree seedlings annually through 60+ different species. What DNR does with the seedlings is outlined in statute. DNR must establish, operate, and maintain nurseries for the production of trees to be used in reforestation. The trees may be used to reforest land owned by the state; supplied to owners of private land at a price not exceeding cost of production; or used for planting on public roads or land under the terms that are considered by the DNR to be for the public benefit. The DNR is also required to propagate trees and shrubs for state institutions or for planting along highways.

INDOT: INDOT has two established nurseries: a one acre plot at Winamac and approximately 8-10 acres at Frankfort. A third site is in the development stage at Madison.

Seeds from the sites are collected and used by INDOT on property. The seeds have also been used at promotional events such as Earth Day to promote the INDOT Roadside Heritage program.

INDOT also has a greenhouse at Crawfordsville district that grows plant plugs. These plugs are only for INDOT use. INDOT does not sell the plugs.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DNR; INDOT.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: DNR; INDOT.

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